

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TAIPEI 02309 130443Z

17

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-20 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 FRB-02

INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 TRSE-00 XMB-07 OPIC-12 SP-03

CIEP-02 LAB-06 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-07 SS-20 STR-08

CEA-02 DRC-01 /129 W

----- 063048

P 130401Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO USIA WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO USDA WASHDC PRIORITY

SECSTATE WASHDC 1518

UNCLAS TAIPEI 2309

USIAC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, OVIP, TW

SUBJECT: SEC. BUTZ' TAIPEI ARRIVAL

FOR IPS, IBS.

1. U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ SATURDAY EMPHASIZED THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO MEET THE FUTURE NEED OF OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS FOR AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS.

2. AT A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE IN TAIPEI, SECRETARY BUTZ SAID THE U.S. WAS VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF A WHEAT HARVEST OF 2.1 BILLION BUSHELLS THISYEAR, ANOTHER RECORD MAIZE CROP, AND AN INCREASE IN THE COTTON CROP OF ABOUT TWO MILLION BALES OVER THE 1973 CROP. HE SAID THE 1974 SOYBEAN CROP MAY BE A LITTLE SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR'S RECORD CROP, BUT WILL STILL BE ADEQUATE TO MEET U.S. DOMESTIC DEMAND PLUS A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLY FOR EXPORTS.

3. SECRETARY BUTZ SAID THE U.S. WAS AWARE THAT THE U.S.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TAIPEI 02309 130443Z

EXPERIENCE WITH SOYBEAN EXPORT CONTROLS LAST YEAR WAS

"SERIOUS MISTAKE"AND WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SECRETARY BUTZ'S OPENING STATEMENT
AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT USIS TAIPEI
APRIL 13:

5. (BEGIN TEXT) GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I
APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU THIS MORNING,
AS MY PARTY AND I PREPARE TO DEPART FOR JAPAN. WE HAVE HAD
ALMOST TWO DAYS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA -- NOT A VERY LONG
TIME CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES -- BUT IT HAS BEEN A MOST REWARDING AND
DELIGHTFUL VISIT. WE ARE HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE WARMTH
WE ENCOUNTERED HERE. WE ARE JUST AS GRATEFUL FOR THE FRANK
AND VALUABLE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AFFECTING OUR FUTURE
TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

6. WE HAVE TALKED WITH MINISTER Y. S. SUN AND HIS STAFF
SEVERAL TIMES, AND HAVE FOUND THEM MOST HELPFUL IN
ADVISING US WITH REGARD TO THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE IMPORT
NEEDS. IN ADDITION, I WAS MOST PRIVILEGED TO HAVE
BREAKFAST THIS MORNING WITH THE PREMIER -- THE HONORABLE
CHIANG CHING-KUO. I EXPRESSED TO HIM THE WARMEST WISHES
OF PRESIDENT NIXON. THE PREMIER WAS MOST
GRACIOUS AND KIND AS WE DISCUSSED THE LONG RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND THE DETERMINATION OF OUR
COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THIS FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION.

7. WITH YOUR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS, I HAVE EMPHASIZED
THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO MEET THE
FUTURE NEEDS OF OUR OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS FOR WHEAT, CORN,
COTTON, TOBACCO, AND OTHER AMERICAN FARM PRODUCTS.
I POINTED OUT THAT WE EXPECT TO HARVEST 2.1 BILLION BUSHELS
OF WHEAT THIS YEAR-- AN INCREASE OF 400 MILLION BUSHELS
OVER LAST YEAR'S RECORD CROP. THIS CROP IS VIRTUALLY
ASSURED, AND WE WILL NEED TO EXPORT ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF
THAT PRODUCTION.

8. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. MAIZE HARVEST IS SEVERAL MONTHS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TAIPEI 02309 130443Z

AWAY, WE ARE EXPECTING ANOTHER RECORD CROP OF MAIZE, OUR
LARGEST CEREAL CROP. THIS WOULD BE ABOUT 6.7 BILLION BUSHELS --
OR 1.0 BILLION BUSHELS ABOVE LAST YEAR. AROUND A FOURTH
OF THAT CROP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT.

9. IN THE CASE OF COTTON, WE EXPECT AN INCREASE OF
ABOUT TWO MILLION BALES OVER THE 1973 CROP.

10. I ALSO INDICATED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT WE WOULD HAVE A 1974 SOYBEAN CROP PERHAPS A LITTLE SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR'S RECORD CROP, BUT STILL ADEQUATE TO MEET DOMESTIC DEMAND AND HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLY FOR EXPORT.

11. I ALSO ASSURED YOUR LEADERS THAT WE ARE AWARE THAT OUR EXPERIENCE WITH EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS LAST YEAR WAS A SERIOUS MISTAKE -- AND THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO REPEAT THAT MISTAKE WITH SOYBEANS OR WITH ANY OTHER FARM CROP.

12. AS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MR. SUN AND HIS STAFF HAVE GONE A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE IN INDICATING TO US THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR IMPORT NEEDS IN THE THREE YEARS AHEAD. THIS INFORMATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO US, BECAUSE OUR AGRICULTURE HAS EXPANDED ITS CROPLAND SUBSTANTIALLY FOR 1974 -- AND WE HOPE FOR THE YEARS AHEAD. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, OUR FARMERS HAVE RETURNED TO PRODUCTION SOME 45 MILLION ACRES THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN THE "SET ASIDE" PROGRAM -- THAT IS, A LAND DIVERSION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO KEEP US FROM PRODUCING TOO MUCH. WE HAVE RELEASED ALL THOSE ACRES FOR PRODUCTION IN 1974. BUT IF OUR FARMERS ARE TO EXPAND THEIR PRODUCTION BY 15 PERCENT OR MORE, THEY MUST HAVE AN INDICATION OF OVERSEAS DEMAND IN THE YEARS AHEAD. OTHERWISE WE WILL RUN RISK OF PRODUCING UNNEEDED SUPLUSES AND ENTERING ANOTHER ERA OF TREMENDOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT COSTS FOR STORAGE AND FARMER INCOME SUPPLEMENTS.

13. THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS OUTLINED FOR US A STEADY GROWTH IN THIS NATION'S EXPECTED IMPORTS OF U.S. WHEAT, SOYBEANS, MAIZE, TOBACCO, AND COTTON IN THE THREE YEARS AHEAD. IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 TAIPEI 02309 130443Z

CASE OF WHEAT, YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS IN FACT DOCUMENTED THESE ESTIMATES WITH A "A LETTER OF INTENT" NEGOTIATED WITH U.S. PRIVATE EXPORTERS. THIS GOES WELL BEYOND WHAT OTHER IMPORTING NATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN WILLING TO DO IN SPELLING OUT IMPORT INTENTIONS. WE WELCOME THIS. WE APPRECIATE THIS. IT AFFIRMS AND STRENGTHENS OUR COMMITMENT AS A NATION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR COUNTRY FOR U.S. FARM PRODUCTS IN THE THREE YEARS AHEAD.

14. WE LEAVE TAIPEI WITH A GREAT FEELING OF WARMTH FOR YOUR PEOPLE -- AND APPRECIATION TO YOUR LEADERS. THIS HAS BEEN A VALUABLE EXCHANGE . (END TEXT)
CLARKE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL TRAVEL, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TAIPEI02309
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740086-0131
From: TAIPEI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740443/aaaabmvq.tel
Line Count: 167
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: martinml
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 MAY 2002 by bryansd0>; APPROVED <18 DEC 2002 by martinml>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SEC. BUTZ' TAIPEI ARRIVAL FOR IPS, IBS.
TAGS: EAGR, OVIP, TW, US, (BUTZ, EARL L)
To: USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005